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CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

NOVEMBER 1951

Mrs. John W. Gibson Honored

At the 142nd Annual Meeting of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions convening October 16 to 18 in conjunction with the Eastern Regional Meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, Mrs. John W. Gibson was elected as a member of the Prudential Committee. This is a distinct honor to Mrs. Gibson and to our Kansas Fellowship.

Mrs. Gibson has been outstanding in her work in Wichita Plymouth and in many places of responsibility in the larger fellowship. She served as Secretary for the Woman's Gift of the Women's Department before she became State President of that department. For four years as president she led the group to new heights of achievement. Under her leadership as chairman of the Wichita Extension Committee, our new Pilgrim Congregational Church in Wichita came into being last spring. As Moderator of the Conference since May she has given generously of her time, her talents and her treasures.

She is well equipped for this responsible place in the larger fellowship.

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Recognition Service

On November 5 the Great Bend Church invited the churches of Western Association for a service in recognition for their new pastor, The Rev. Henry Eden Wright. A courtesy supper was served by the Great Bend women. Dr. L. M. Rymph brought the message of the evening. Mrs. John W. Gibson, State Moderator, brought greetings. Mrs. E. C. Garrison represented the Women's Department.

Dates To Remember

Southern—Junior High P. F. Rally at Wichita Plymouth—Nov. 18.

Western—(Southwest area) Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship Rally at Kinsley—Nov. 18.

Western—(Northwest area) Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship Rally at Lenora—December 2.

Eastern—Junior High Rally at Maple Hill—December 2.

Town and Country Conference at Manhattan, January 16 and 17, 1952

Mid-Winter meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, January 21-24.

Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday and Youth Week—January 27—February 3.

Washburn Ministers' Convocation in Topeka, February 12, 13 and 14.

Ash Wednesday—February 27.

World Day Of Prayer—February 29.

Easter—April 13.

State Conference at Emporia First May 6, 7 and 8.

Citation For Meritorious Service

The citation printed on the next page was presented to the Rev. Wilbert E. Dull at the Midwest Regional Meeting in Evanston on October 16. The Dull's were visiting their daughter and family at Lancaster, Ohio; they made the trip to Evanston by train when notified of the plans for this special recognition.

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THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
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Citation for Meritorious Service

The Division of Church Extension and Evangelism of the Board of Home Missions presents for recognition for meritorious service

The Reverend Wilbert E. Dull

Your ministry to Congregationalism in the state of Kansas has been an inspiration and a benediction. As a licentiate, and later as an ordained minister, you served the Garfield Congregational Church, and over a period of five years more than doubled its membership and led it in the erection of a new building that has served the church and the community effectively in the years that have passed.

During the difficult war years and following, from 1917-1927, your leadership of the Lenora Congregational Church increased the membership substantially and resulted in the erection, once again, of a new building, making possible a strong program of Christian Education, fellowship, and worship.

In 1927, the Seaman Church of North Topeka, weak in numbers and weaker in facilities, called you to be its pastor. Under your leadership a church was erected, using materials from two dismantled rural churches, the labor being supplied largely by lay people, the dynamic and leadership by yourself.

Little did the people of Seaman Church realize the character of the ministry which you were to perform. The young people of Kansas, whom you have served in summer conferences for a period of thirty years, could bear witness, if asked, that no crisis would find you wanting, regardless of its demands upon you. Their love for you and their confidence in you have been abundantly justified in the tragic flood experience of the summer of 1951. When the flood waters of the Kansas River threatened your home and the church you did all in your power to save the church. And when at last it became apparent that to remain longer at your post in the church was to risk the lives of yourself and those associated with you, only then did you consent to be evacuated.

In the days following the flood, when destruction was everywhere, and hope was low and courage failing, you rallied your people to tasks of salvage and service that restored their confidence in the ultimate goodness, and transformed disaster into spiritual victory.

Yours has been a living religion,
A practice of faith, a sacrificial ministry,
A discipleship of Jesus Christ
That honors Protestantism and Christianity.
Our lives are richer by what you have done.
The Christian cause has been strengthened by your example.
As you have built churches of brick, mortar, and lumber,
So have you built a fellowship
That storms cannot destroy,

Wilbert E. Dull, by your fruits do we know you and hold you in highest esteem. The Division of Church Extension and Evangelism of The Board of Home Missions of the Congregational and Christian Church honors itself in citing you for meritorious service.

October fifteen
One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one

The Moderator Speaking

"It's fun to make the round of Association Meetings."

The entertaining churches are so hospitable, so anxious to make you comfortable, so eager to feed you well..... It's fun to ride in the Rymph car with the featured speakers ..... Malcolm White and Dorothy Chong had much in common for both love Hawaii. As a child, Malcolm's family—the Hugh Vernon Whites—had spent a number of years in Honolulu and of course Dorothy Chong is a native. The fifth White child, a son, came before Malcolm could get home from Ottawa, where the Eastern Association was held..... The challenge of the Christian World Mission was ably presented—entirely by laymen—Levi Zimmerman of Whitewater at Southern, William Manspeaker of Topeka at Eastern; and Daniel Hopkins of Garden City at Western. The zeal and devotion of these laymen should go far toward making the goals reality.....

It's a joy to see as beautiful a building as Garden City's. It's similar to Emporia First's—pastors of both churches are former chaplains..... We missed Marvin Brown at Garden City, but greatly appreciated the great care with which he had planned the association program .... Mr. and Mrs. Al Bartter, lately of North Dakota, are taking the pastorate while he is at Illiff..... Missed too at Southern in Mount Hope were Frank Richard and Roy Farwell, both hospitalized. William Cribbs of Independence, the assistant Moderator, substituted for Frank Richard and Charles Good for Roy Farwell. ..... Mrs. John H. Jones enlivened the noon hour with a quiz on early Southern Association history . . . Most of us showed our ignorance of the subject .... She did a good job too suggesting the Woman's Program, having the local presidents speak of their special concerns. All of the presidents showed competency while professing inadequancy..... Eastern Association's women were led by Mrs. W. W. Rutter who had the Association secretaries or their substitutes, present their work. Mrs. E. C. Garrison had come from a visit to Lawrence and was present in Ottawa to confer with the Eastern women. She also proved helpful at her own Association meeting in Garden City.

Large suitcases full of books went along in the car trunk for Pauline Bloomer's display. She reported increased interest and good sales..... ..... Those who attended the sessions at La Foret last Summer encouraged others to do likewise next year.

Music provided by the local churches made the evening worship services more effective. We all appreciated seeing and hearing Ottawa's fine youth choir singing with the adults. Soloists during the sessions were Ruth Rymph and Helen Bonny (on the violin) and at Eastern Dr. S. Martin Brockway.

Merle Rymphs' "State of the Conference" was encouraging..... A new minister attending our Associations for the first time remarked how much help the Conference could give local churches if they would just ask for it. ..... Most important business to come up was accepting the credentials of new ministers and transferring others ..... The association registrar is a very important person. On him depends the accuracy of the records of all the ministers in his association.

Hope everyone attending the Associations enjoyed them as much as I. Again I say, it was fun.

Mrs. John W. Gibson

"Remembering The Marriage Vow"

A unique and solemn ceremony took place in Topeka First Sancturary at 6:30 the evening of November fourth, sponsored by the Couples' Club.

On the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, Nicklaas and Philomena Rozema repeated their marriage vows along with a large group of members of the congregation.

Attending the Rozema's in full wedding dress, were Paul and Retta Daugherty. The candle-lighted sanctuary was beautifully decorated by Bill and Dorothy Yerkes.

Wedding music was furnished by Mrs. Ray Carlton Jones, organist and William Schade, soloist. Mr. Wm. Burns gave the bride in marriage. The vows given by the Rev. Ray Carlton Jones, Minister of the church were repeated by every married couple present. It was a sacred and meaningful occasion.

Following the ceremony, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Merker presided at a reception in the church parlors. Niles and Reva Kuehn were chairmen of arrangements for the occasion. Members of the Couples Club served as ushers.

Faithful are the gentle hearts
To whom the power be given
Of every hearth to make a home
Of every home a heaven.

W. G. Tarrant

Bartter's To Garden City

The Rev. and Mrs. Alfred H. Bartter came to Garden City, September 29, to give a year's interim leadership to our church while the Rev. Marvin Brown is studying in Denver. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bartter are ordained Congregational Ministers.

Mr. Bartter is a graduate of Oberlin College and Chicago Theological Seminary. He served churches in Iowa from 1922 to 1945. He served on the Iowa Conference Board of Directors and was a member of the Board of Trustees of Grinnell College. He was also active in Pilgrim Fellowship; serving as Camp Director for several years. From 1945 until coming to Garden City, he was in State Work in North Dakota.

Mrs. Bartter is a graduate of Oberlin College and took post graduate work at the University of Chicago and Chicago Theological Seminary. She has been very active in Women's work both in Iowa and North Dakota. She served as president of the Women's Work of the Iowa Conference.

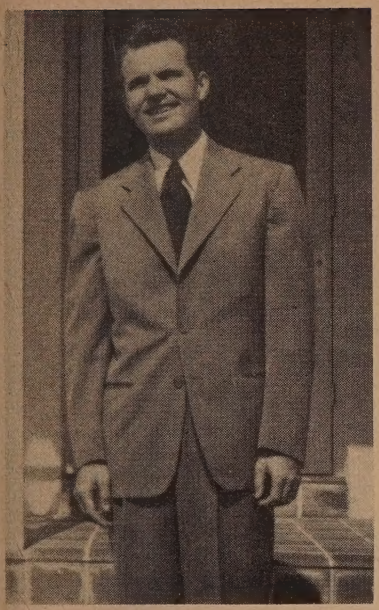
With the lovely new church plant and a congregation eager to go forward, the Bartter's are carrying on an aggressive program. They were genial hosts to the Western Association meeting one week after their arrival in Garden City.

Stanley Calls Leaders

Major and Mrs. James Elmer McCullah, for 35 years active in the work of the Salvation Army, have taken over the leadership of our church at Stanley. They moved into the newly purchased and remodeled parsonage late in October.

The McCullah's have given leadership in Salvation Army work in Arkansas City, Leavenworth, Joplin, Mo., and Topeka. Major McCullah also represented the Salvation Army overseas in World War I.

The McCullah's have special ability in music, religious drama, Bible teaching, youth work and all phases of a program for civic betterment.



Seneca Calls Minister

James I. McConnell, the new minister at Seneca Congregational Church, comes from Daytona Beach, Florida. During the past summer he served as summer assistant pastor to Dr. Ernest Collins in our Daytona Beach Congregational Church. Dr. Collins will be remembered by many as a former minister at Central Church, Topeka. Upon graduation from Vanderbuilt Seminary in June 1950, James McConnell served the newly reorganized Union Congregational Church at North Miami, Florida. First Congregational Church of Topeka members may well recall that James grew up in their Sunday School, for he was born in Topeka and spent the first thirteen years of his life here. His father was an official with the Rock Island Railroad during their residence in Topeka. We welcome this young man to our church at Seneca and look forward to sharing in a recognition service for him on the 19th of November.

Nellis To Udall

Rev. Robert Nellis has been called to serve our Udall Church and began work there September first. Mr. and Mrs. Nellis have two boys age 10 and 4 years. Mr. Nellis is the son of a Friends' Minister and a graduate of Friends University. He previously served Douglass and Udall.

A Busy Schedule

Stewardship comes first in the life of Wm. J. Manspeaker these days. When asked how the Real Estate business was he said he thought he might drop in at the Manspeaker Agency that day and see.

His visit to Leavenworth on October 16 called for a repeat visit to train their canvassers on November 15. On October 28, he brought the morning message to Wakefield: he reports wonderful food at the basket dinner which followed. He spoke at the dinner, then met with representatives fo the C.C.C. (Congregational Couples Club) and later with the church trustees. Definite plans were laid for the E.M.C. with Willis Weichel accepting the chairmanship.

His schedule includes a church night supper at Wichita Plymouth Nov. 1, and at K.C. Rosedale Nov.2; Sunday morning services at Dover and Manhattan; a canvassers training session at Maple Hill Nov. 14 and the morning service at Sabetha on the 18th; an all church meeting at Council Grove on Nov. 23. Dates at Centralia, Topeka, Seabrook, Lawrence and Ottawa are pending.

Thanks and bouquets to Bill Manspeaker for this outstanding service.

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

Woman's Gift

November is the In-Gathering Month for Woman's Gift; the month when women all over Kansas will be bringing their "over and above" love gifts for others.

One-third of each gift goes to the work of Dr. Frank Laubach—providing literature around the world for people who have so recently learned to read. This project was brought closer to our hearts by his recent visit in Kansas when he spoke to large audiences at Topeka and Wichita.

One-third of each gift is used across the nation undergirding our Family Life Commission, helping build new churches, adding support to the Legislative Committee of the Council for Social Action and helping to create Friendly Relations among foreign students.

One-third of each gift goes for work in Kansas. This year the $250 Bockoven Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Mr. Leon McKusick, a theological student at Chicago Theological Seminary. Mr. McKusick did supply preaching at Topeka Seabrook, Pauline, Sabetha and Independence, before entering Seminary. He also gave leadership to our Senior P.F. Camp. Another Scholarship has been awarded Stephen N. Jones, who is in school at Pacific School of Religion. Before going to California he supplied our church at Downs. A portion of the money used in Kansas goes to help support our student work at Manhattan and Lawrence. More than $600 was given this spring for the purchase of office and visual equipment for our new Pilgrim Congregational Church in Wichita.

And thus our "love gifts" perform deeds of love and mercy for us. See that every woman has an envelope or a gift box; both available at the conference office. Dedicate your gifts with a special service. Thanksgiving Month is Thank Offering Month.

Friendly Service

Friendly Service is to practice kindness when one gets a chance. Our chance comes from our assignment from Mission Council Secretary, thus eliminating the haphazard doing of kind deeds.

I'm happy to say my assistants have sent out your quotas and the response thus far is encouraging. Remember—we in this country and state have received much; so let's keep on giving of our time, thought and money so we will still be on the receiving end for—

"To get we must give
To give we must love
And to love we must be on
speaking terms with
Our Father Above."

The milk of human kindness comes from the dairies of God's love. So let's make Friendly Service giving a delight and not a chore.

Your packages need not be all sent at one time—some do—but others space them thru the year. Please put in a stamped self-addressed envelope in your package and see what a glow of inward satisfaction you get when it comes back to you with a "Thanks" for your womens' effort.

It is so easy to think what one does in one church is of little value when you see ALL that is needed, but just keep

in mind that the way to get a big job done is to do all the little ones first.

Something made,
Something bought
Brings to those who have not
a Lot.

Margaret Davidson (Mrs. Scoville)
Friendly Service Secretary

Book Briefs

"Manuel—a Little Boy of Mexico" by Jeanette P. Brown, is a choice book for children of kindergarten age. Manuel's visit to the park with his father and the secret they share, together with some thirty illustrations, make this book one which will delight any small child.

"Hungry Hollow" by Anna Rose Wright, should be available to all 4th, 5th and 6th graders. It is a story of adventure and exploration which will delight both boys and girls. It will be read and re-read and the colorful handling of the work of a mission doctor will show clearly how different the ideas of the work of missionaries may be from what is imagined, helping to mold future ideas of such work.

Excellent choices for your Christmas list!

Mrs. W. R. Ives—Mt. Hope

Lenora Prayer Circle

The Women's Fellowship is sponsoring a prayer circle, which meets at ten every Wednesday morning. The women have been organized in one inclusive Women's Fellowship for a little more than a year, and are responding to the work of their new organization in a very fine way.

Unique Program

"Introducing Latin America" is the title of a little playlet created by Mrs. William Yerkes, Mrs. C. F. Gurtler, Mrs. Harry Ainsworth and Mrs. J. C. Freer of Topeka First. This play which was presented at the Woman's Federation luncheon was based on "We Americans: North and South." This book plus some creative imagination, colorful costumes, Mexican and Latin American objects of art, basketry, pottery and maps were the main ingredients used in the making of this most interesting portrayal of life South of the border. Latin America Puzzlemats and little paper flags of each country were also helpful in creating atmosphere. Balloons containing timely messages concerning Latin America were tied on several chairs throughout the audience. The breaking of each message introduced merriment and fun for the intermission period between the lunch and the program. Invitations have been extended to the cast to present this playlet at Lawrence Plymouth and Ottawa Federated women's meetings and Mt. Olive Methodist in Topeka. They are willing to share this with any group interested within a reasonable distance for transportation costs. A copy of this original script is available to any group which is interested. Write the Conference Office.

Thanksgiving

I would give thanks today
for common things,
These four dear walls where
gather those I love;
For gifts of the brown earth,
for sun and sky,
And little, homely joys and
tasks of love.
For these I lift my heart
in thankfulness.

—Mary Estabrook Hale

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Harry Schanker, President **Margaret Wilson, Secretary**

P. F. Tool Kit

A packet of materials has been sent to all Pilgrim Fellowship groups.

These materials should be familiar to every P.F. member. The packet should be a real "builder-upper" for better programs. The following are included in the packet:

The P. F. Guide Book
- Pilgrim purpose
- Actions explained
- Program planning
- Calendar of suggested activities

The Program File
- A guide to resource materials

Off To A Good Start
- Answers to questions about organizing a Pilgrim Fellowship group

How To Be An Effective Officer
- Duties of each officer outlined

Program Interest Finder
- A list of topics which help in outlining and planning programs.

Harry Schanker on Youth Council

Harry Schanker was elected Treasurer of the Kansas Youth Council at their Annual Meeting in Newton, Oct. 12-13. Congratulations! Harry.

Topeka Daily Capital Reports

A hands-across-the-state flood-relief measure has been arranged by the Youth Fellowship organization of the Russell First Congregational Church. Members will work all day Saturday to earn money to give to the flood-ravaged Seaman Community Church of North Topeka.

The Russell youngsters said they would accept any kind of work, and pledged their entire earnings to the Topeka church . . .

Thus did Russell P.F. observe Christ's Work Day. As yet we do not have a report of the results. A consecration of the gifts was held on Sunday evening, October 28.

Maize

Christ's Work Day at Maize netted $14.07. Tell us how it was earned.

Pancake Supper

Topeka Central Pilgrims had a fund raising evening on October 22 which was a huge success. Pancakes were baked and served to 350 people. Preceeds of more than $180 will go to help send a carload of young people to a Youth Workshop of the Character Research Project in Schenectady, New York, November 12-19.

Workday For Christ

Central's PF'ers had more requests for yard work from members of the church than they could fill. The rains came October 27 and postponed most of those jobs to a later date. Some of the group sorted and bundled newspapers, for sale to an outlet which one of the mothers discovered in these days when there is little market for paper. Many of the young people are giving their individual incomes from the day's work from regular Saturday jobs baby sitting, etc.

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Marvin Brown

The Rev. Marvin Brown, pastor of Garden City Church, on leave of absence for study in Denver, has been called as interim minister at Plymouth Church, Denver.

Kansas Laymen's Fellowship

Chester Bidleman, Chairman

Colonial Men At Work

On Sunday afternoon, September 23rd one-third of the available manpower of The Colonial Church of Prairie Village launched a financial campaign for $30,000.00. Part of the money to be raised was to be applied upon the existing Chapel mortgage held by our Church Building Department, and the rest to make possible an enlargement program for religious education purposes. At the close of the day, $26,500.00 was subscribed by from 80% of the calls made. Since that time the subscription list has crept up almost to the $28,000.00 mark.

The addition planned is approximately 30 by 50 feet, two-story, to be attached at the north end of the existing wing. It will make provision for a separate junior department on the ground floor, as well as additional storage space. On the first floor level the plans call for a kitchenette, toilet, cloak room, and a large multiple purpose room to be used for women's meetings, young people, and the Primary department of the church school on Sunday mornings.

The result of the financial project have been felt all along the total program of the church. Attendance at the two worship services has increased markedly. The membership of the church school is increasing at a great rate, too. Duplicate sessions of the Nursery, Pre-school, Kindergarten and Primary departments are held each Sunday morning. The membership of the church is growing also, and there is every expectation that upon the third anniversary there will be at least 300 members. The next year's budget is in process of preparation and approval. A goal of $18,000 is set for 1952.

—C. Fosberg Hughes, Pastor

Leaders Chosen

The following Laymen's Fellowship officers were elected in each of the three association meetings in October.

Southern Association:

Lyle Anderson, Partridge, Chairman
Wm. Cribbs, Independence, Vice Chairman

Eastern Association:

Wm. J. Manspeaker, Topeka, Chrm.
Dr. S. Martin Brockway, Ottawa, Vice Chairman.

Western Association:

Albert F. Rowland, Ellis, Chairman
S. M. Garrigues, Great Bend, Vice Chairman.

Men of Russell Active

At a recent meeting the men's club of the Russell church raised $240.00 to pay for tile to be laid on the floor of the Banquet Court. This is to include two shuffle-board courts laid in tile. The group plans to give several hundred hours of service to church development during the fall months. Charles Boyle is preparing a paper on the "Legal aspects of the Trial of Jesus of Nazareth" for future presentation. The Club meets the second Wednesday night of each month.

Ellis Men's Club

The Laymen of Ellis met on October 25 to plan for the formation of a Men's Club for their church. There was a goodly number in attendance and a committtee was appointed to nominate officers and to suggest a name for the club. They are planning several projects for the good of the church. The state chairman for the Laymen's Fellowship met with them.

Plymouth Men

At the first meeting of the Men's Club at Lawrence Plymouth held on October 10, Mr. James Pfefferkorn showed pictures taken recently in Europe. The supper and program were well attended.

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Lawrence Couples Club

A Sunday evening discussion group has met with warm response at Lawrence. The first Sunday of each month the theme is "Understanding Our World." The second Sunday of the month they discuss great doctrines of the Christian church such as, "What Can I Believe About God, the Bible, Jesus, Prayer, Immortality?" The third Sunday a "Home and Family Life" theme is led by member of the University faculty or a leader in this field. On the fourth night they discuss the great religions of the world.

Maple Hill Community Sale

The Community House Building Fund was swelled as a result of the Sale held on October 20. Contributions included livestock, grain, machinery, furniture, baked and canned goods and items of every sort and size. Joe Raine was auctioneer.

Reformation Sunday Faith Festival

The Rev. John A. Nansen was chairman of arrangements for the fourth Annual Reformation Sunday Festival for Greater Kansas City. The service was held in the Municipal Auditorium on October 28 with the Dr. Frederick Olert of Richmond, Virginia as Guest Speaker.

Plevna Rally Day

The Church School observed Rally Day October 7 and featured class promotion. After the church dinner, the surprise of the meeting was the superintendent's report which revealed some fine perfect attendance records. The Ten Year Plaque now contains 5 names. The mothers of the Cradle

Roll Children presented the school with a picture.

If the church tower is measured by the interest of the church school, the church can look forward to continued progress. Mr. John Blasdel has been Superintendent of the school for ten years, and the Rev. W. E. Baldwin is pastor.

Benefit Concerts

The choir of the United Church at Osborne has raised more than $1000 by giving musical concerts. The money is being used for the purchase of a new Reuter Drgan which will be installed by Christmas time. Mrs. Mildred Hardman Raney is the Choir Director.

Lenora

The church at Lenora started its fall work with increased attendance and renewed interest in the Kingdom, which was evidenced at the World Wide Communion service, when 13 members were received into the fellowship. Two babies were also christened. The men of the church are busy with the Financial campaign which started Oct. 1 The Church School Superintendent, Mrs. C. E. Georgeson, is a member of the Conference Committee on Christian Education and in this work she is giving of her time and talent in the same unstinted manner as is demonstrated in her church. She is sponsor of the Senior P.F., and took a group of them to the State Rally at Wichita, Nov. 2 and 3. Mr. Carl Georgeson, is a silent partner in all the activity, but as Financial Secretary of the church gives invaluable leadership in planning financial canvasses for the regular budget, as well as for Organ and Building Funds. The Rev. James A. McKeeman is pastor at Lenora.

Mission Festival

On October 21st the Wellspring E and R Church held their annual Fall Mission Festival. The Rev. Vernon Kurtz, pastor, reports that the offering was $325.82. Dr. Rymph brought the Morning Message and with Mrs. Rymph enjoyed the bounteous basket dinner and fine fellowship in this rural church.

Topeka Seabrook

Twenty leaders of the Seabrook Church met at the parsonage for lunch on October 19 to talk over building plans with Dr. Ira Black, Secretary of the City Works Department of the Board of Home Missions. The church under the leadership of the Rev. Elmer Erickson, is showing growth in all departments and must make plans to build at their present location or move farther south and west where many new homes are being built

Black Visits Wichita Pilgrim

The Rev. Ira Black spent two days with the Rev. Richard Zoppel in Wichita, October 24 and 25. Under his leadership, teams of laymen visited in homes and secured twelve new members for the church.

Maize

Rally day was observed Sunday, September 30 with children presenting a very interesting and impressive service of scripture, song and story. Class Promotion was held with two children, Alice and Billy Huffman receiving awards of merit for the past year's perfect record of attendance. The Pilgrim Series course is used from Beginners through Junior High classes. Rally Day Service was followed by a Basket Dinner and Social Hour.

Christian Education

Pauline Bloomer, Director

New Filmstrips

The following new filmstrips are available to churches from the Conference office, 923 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, for payment of postage.

A Visit to the City—color with script showing how Puerto Rican children live. Suitable for juniors and junior high ages.

My Name is Pablo—black and white with script. Based on motion picture "Out of the Dust." Junior high and adults.

The Waking Giant-Mexico— Black and white sound filmstrip. Shows American Board of Activities in Mexico—20 minutes. Young people and adults.

Pick and Shovel Ambassadors—color filmstrip and script. Work campers work in reconstruction of war-torn countries. Young people.

Boys of Southern Mountains—black and white with script. Story of two boys of the mountains and a doctor. Primary and junior ages.

Sumo, A Boy of Africa—black and white with script. Shows life in an African village and the work of the mission school. Primary and junior.

Nonebah of the Navajos—black and white with script. Story of little Navajo shepherdess and her experiences at home, trading post, school and church. Primary and juniors.

Story of Thanksgiving—color with script on film. Shows historical setting of Thanksgiving. For juniors and young people.

Let Us Give Thanks— A Thanksgiving worship service built around photographs of the harvest. Meditation by Georgia Harkness.

Christmas Around the World—color, filmstrip and records—18 minutes. Reproductions of original paintings of Janet Smalley show Christmas in many lands, making use of the poem, "Everywhere, Everywhere, Christmas Tonight." Scenes include: worshipers in Sweden; gay family dinners in Denmark; the carolers in England; gifts left by St. Nicholas in Belgium and Holland; creches of France; Germany's Christmas trees; Spanish children and their nacimiento; the Italian family at prayer before its presepio; Serbian boys carrying stars; India's festival of lights and others. Emphasis is on family and home celebrations. It is suitable for use with upper primaries, juniors, and general audiences.

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Leadership Education Conference

Topeka: First Methodist Church, November 30-December 2
Salina: First Christian Church, December 3-5

The Standard Leadership Education courses will be used. The following have been selected: "The Use of the Bible with Children," "Using the Bible with Youth," "Introduction to the Bible," "Understanding Adults." This is specific training for leaders to help in the promotion and instruction of leadership schools in local communities. It is sponsored by the Kansas Council of Churches.

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Visual Education Fellowship

Churches can join the Visual Education Fellowship for only $5.00. You receive The Audio-Visual Resource

Guide, VEF Newsletter and monthly Evaluations. The information and helps are invaluable for ministers, superintendents and other church workers.

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The International Journal of Religious Education magazine now offers club rates to churches. This magazine should be on your list of church publications.

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KANSAS ANNUAL AUDIO-VISUAL INSTITUTE will be November 27-29 at the Central Christian Church, Wichita.

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Meet The Folks

1: "I'm only three and don't go to church. Mummie and daddy and things are my home. They are important in my growth to manhood."

2: "We're your boys and girls needing a real program in Christian Growth shared between home and church. We want to grow up Christian Citizens."

3: "Hi-Ho, the high school gang — eager for what is real. Let's get goin', we're sprouting leadership wings and want to do real things ourselves. We want good leadership for Church School class and Pilgrim Fellowship."

4: "We're a mixed group — working or in college. Somewhere between life-work and life-partners, a crucial time. We wish there was a place for us."

5: "We're young married folks, most of us with wee children. How do you build a truly Christian Home? We need help."

6: "They call us 'middle aged.' Our youngsters are joining church, courting, in the youth group. We hardly know how to answer all the problems and offer them a sort of steadiness in ourselves. We need the Church."

7: "Life looks different when you're so and retired. My wife and I wish the church had a place where we could work out our problems. Some of the old Christian Fundamentals take on new meaning to our age. The Church could help."

From—"Congregational Minnesota"

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A Membership Budget?

Will you present the following resolution at your annual church meeting?

"RESOLVED that we will not attempt to receive any new members this next year."

Certainly no church would seriously consider doing that! Will you present this one?

"RESOLVED that we will strive to receive new members to equal at least 10% of our membership."

If we do not make some commitment such as contained in the second resolution, we must realize that we automatically are making the first one. By just plain inertia we say to the world that our church, and Christianity, is of very little value to others than ourselves.

At our annual meeting most of us present a budget for the amount of money it will be necessary to raise so as to effectively carry on the work of the church at home and abroad during the next year. We must pay our bills and accept our fair share of the larger fellowship. Every church member is expected to accept that responsibility.

How about considering in a very serious way a MEMBER BUDGET? Our financial goal can not be measured except through human factors, through changed lives. May we ever set our goals as human goals.

—Elmer Erickson, Chairman
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1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a -

bed. The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet
wakes. But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he

head The stars in the sky .. looked down where he
makes. I love thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the

lay— The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
sky. And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.

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